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**Box Patent Application**  
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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

Applicant: NAOTO KUSUMOTO and SHUNPEI YAMAZAKI

Title: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING INSULATED GATE THIN FILM  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date  
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

|               | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Specification | 16           |
| Claims        | 6            |
| Abstract      | 1            |
| Declaration   | 2            |
| Drawing(s)    | 8            |

Enclosures:

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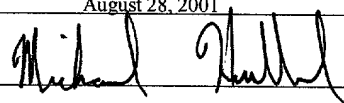
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- Rule 63 declaration, copy from a previous application under rule 63(d) for continuation or divisional only.
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The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on February 21, 1996 at 7876/0466.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/903,339, filed July 10, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/375,308, filed August 16, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/604,547, filed February 21, 1996. The U.S. application serial no. 08/604,547 claims priority under 35 USC §119 based on priority application serial no. 7-56481, filed February 21, 1995, in Japan. The disclosure of the prior applications is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Preliminary amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before the first line, please insert -- This application is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/903,339, filed July 10, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/375,308, filed August 16, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/604,547, filed February 21, 1996. The U.S. application serial no. 08/604,547 claims priority under 35 USC §119 based on priority application serial no. 7-56481, filed February 21, 1995, in Japan. --

This application presents 20 claims, 16 of which are independent and 4 of which are multiply dependent.

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| Basic filing fee                             | \$710  |
| Total claims in excess of 20 times \$18      | \$1080 |
| Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$80 | \$1040 |
| Fee for multiple dependent claims            | \$270  |
| Total filing fee:                            | \$3100 |

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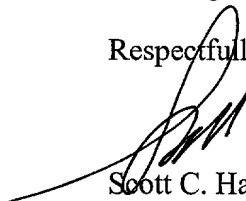
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